

# STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

## Agenda Consideration

**TOPIC:** High School Field Utilization

**ITEM NO:** 10K

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**MEETING:** August 24, 2004  
**ACTION DATE:** Information Only

**ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT:** That the Board receive for information an overview of high school athletic field utilization by school sponsored athletic teams, extracurricular groups, physical education classes and Parks and Recreation.

### KEY POINTS:

There has been much discussion as of late regarding the number of fields necessary at the high school level. At present 22 athletic teams and extracurricular groups utilize the fields provided. The complement of fields serves approximately 605 student athletes and 150 students participating in extracurricular activities (dance and band) per school. Upon review of this information you will note that all of the fields host a wide range of athletic and extracurricular activities. Many of these same fields host Parks and Recreation activities. In many instances there are not enough fields to meet needs which necessitates the scheduling of multiple users on the same date. This practice often requires students to go home and return to school for their scheduled practice or to go off campus for practice.

#### Athletic Fields - Overview

<u>Schools</u>	<u>Total Number of Fields (Including Stadium Field)</u>
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Stafford High School	6
North Stafford High School	10
Brooke Point High School	8
Colonial Forge high School	8

- ◆ Each school has a track and minimally 6 tennis courts (NSH has 8 courts)
- ◆ Each school maintains minimally 4 competition fields
  - Stadium - Baseball - Softball - Hockey (SHS & NSHS only)
- ◆ Each school maintains a baseball and softball practice field with the exception of SHS which has no baseball practice field.

#### Stadium Use

The following teams utilize the stadium during the fall and spring seasons:

Varsity Football	Varsity Girls Soccer	Varsity Boys Soccer
Varsity Lacrosse	Varsity Field Hockey (CFHS & BPHS)	
Junior Varsity Field Hockey	Junior Varsity Football	Junior Varsity Boys Soccer
Junior Varsity Girls Soccer	Junior Varsity Lacrosse	Freshman Football
Spring Outdoor Track/Field – Boys	Spring Outdoor Track/Field – Girls	
Cross County – Boys	Cross Country – Girls	Varsity Cheerleading
Junior Varsity Cheerleading	Freshman Cheerleading	Winter Track – Boys
Winter Track – Girls		

- ◆ An average of 80 games/events are played on each school's stadium field during the fall and spring seasons.



- ♦ The stadium is also utilized for practice and the events of cheerleaders, dance team, athletic boosters and band.
- ♦ The stadium is utilized for practice by one or more teams almost daily both fall and spring seasons.
- ♦ The stadium is also utilized by 9th and 10th grade physical education classes (approximately 1,000 students per school).
- ♦ The stadium is also utilized for varied special events, e.g., Spring Sports Festival.

### **Baseball - Varsity**

The following teams utilize the competition baseball field during the fall and spring seasons.  
 Varsity Baseball                      Junior Varsity Baseball                      Fall Baseball – Booster Events  
 Parks and Recreation

- ♦ An average of 50 games are played on each school's competition baseball field during the fall and spring seasons (not including Parks and Recreation). More or less utilization may occur contingent upon Parks and Recreation scheduling.
- ♦ When not utilized for games, field is utilized for practice both fall and spring.

### **Softball - Varsity**

The following teams utilize the competition softball field during the fall and spring seasons.  
 Varsity Softball                      Junior Varsity Softball  
 Fall Softball – Booster Events                      Parks and Recreation

- ♦ An average of 25 games are played on each school's competition softball field during the fall and spring seasons (not including Parks and Recreation). More utilization may occur contingent upon Parks and Recreation scheduling.
- ♦ When not utilized for games, field is utilized for practice both fall and spring.
- ♦ Field space is utilized by football for practice at SHS.

### **Field Hockey**

The following teams utilize the field hockey field during the fall and spring seasons.  
 Varsity Field Hockey                      Junior Varsity Field Hockey

- ♦ An average of 20 games are played on each school's field hockey field.
- ♦ Utilized for field hockey practice in the fall.
- ♦ At all of the schools the field hockey field is utilized for varied other sports as a practice site (Boys/Girls Soccer – SHS, BPHS & NSHS, Middle School Field Hockey – BPHS).
- ♦ Utilized for 9th and 10th grade physical education classes at some schools.

### **Baseball - Junior Varsity**

The following teams utilize the Junior Varsity Baseball Field during the fall and spring seasons.

Junior Varsity Baseball                      Varsity Baseball                      Fall Baseball – Booster Events

- ♦ Utilized primarily for practice.
- ♦ SHS has no Junior Varsity Baseball Field.
- ♦ Utilized for 9th and 10th grade physical education.
- ♦ This same field space is utilized by boys and girls soccer and lacrosse at CFHS and is used as a Varsity Football practice field at BPHS.

## **Softball - Junior Varsity**

The following teams utilize the Junior Varsity Softball Field during the fall and spring seasons.

Junior Varsity Softball

Varsity Softball

Fall Softball – Booster Events

Parks and Recreation

- ♦ Utilized primarily for practice.
- ♦ The field designated for Junior Varsity Softball at CFHS is not used for softball at this time and is used for boys and girls soccer and lacrosse. At BPHS field is used for Junior Varsity Field Hockey, Freshman Football and Middle School Field Hockey.
- ♦ Utilized for 9th and 10th grade physical education.

## **General Practice Fields**

These practice fields are utilized to support the following teams.

Varsity, Junior Varsity, Freshman Football

Boys Cross Country

Girls Cross Country

Varsity Lacrosse

Junior Varsity Lacrosse

Boys Outdoor Track & Field

Girls Outdoor Track & Field

Boys and Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity Soccer

- ♦ Utilized primarily for practice.
- ♦ Utilized for 9th and 10th grade physical education – 1,000 students, 8 teachers per school.
- ♦ Utilized daily for Band practice.
- ♦ Due to limited field space, SHS Varsity Boys and Girls Soccer have been practicing at Pratt Park and some teams rotate early and late practice out of necessity.

**A review of middle school field utilization will be forthcoming in the fall.**

## **SCHOOL BOARD GOAL:**

**Goal #4:** Address the impact of continuing population growth by developing plans to address expanding staff, facilities, transportation, attendance zones, and instruction.

**Goal #5:** Provide facilities that promote student learning and community support.

## **FUNDING SOURCE:**

## **AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE:**